Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Even with regard to rules, is there any provision in the M.S.R. empowering the Ministers to visit Ooty except on Government business and what is the Government business that was carried on by these Ministers there?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The question was already answered.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—There was absolutely no business for the Ministers.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is not a court.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—None of the Ministers had absolutely any business at Ooty except spending a holiday.

Mr. SPEAKER.—How do you know?

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I know it. Let them say what Government business was there for them to do.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I would like to make it clear. This is too personal a question and I did not expect this kind of questioning by the Leader of the Opposition. I might say it is not a question of evasion. We take files and do Government work wherever we go, even at Ooty. It is not as if we were spending all the time for ourselves. Besides, as I have already said, this is not for the first time that a Minister or a Head of the Government went to Ooty. It has become a practice.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not a fact that only the Head of the Administration with the permission of the then Ruler, the Maharaja, used to visit Ooty and no other Minister had any right to go there except on holiday after taking leave?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—The constitutional position has changed and the Ministers today are not subordinates of the Dewan. They have equal rights as other Ministers and they are entitled to equal facilities.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Can the Chief Minister show me relevant clause or provision in the Constitution which empowers Ministers to go outside the State?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—I was myself one of the members of the Constituent Assembly and we did not think it worthwhile to include T.A. and D.A. and tour rules in the Constitution.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I want to know what are the relevant rules or Sections which empower the Ministers to go outside the State either to Ooty or to London or to Europe, which say that they will be on duty if they are outside the State?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It is a matter for discretion and whenever a Minister feels that he should go to Ooty or even to London he will go, Sir.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—With reference to question (*a*) (iii) you have not stated the nature of Government business. With reference to question (*b*) you have stated that the Minister is always on duty and there is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—When the Hon'ble Member was a Minister if he was not all the time on duty, it is not my fault.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—I was never on duty both day and night. (*Laughter*). It is said that the Ministers is always on duty and there is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers. Even if the Minister is absent for months together, is it to be presumed that he is on duty?

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA.—It all depends upon the circumstances of the case.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—There is no provision for grant of leave to Ministers. That is what is stated here. Is it not a fact that the conduct and service of the Minister is governed by M.S.R. like any other public servant? May I draw the attention of the Chief Minister to annexure 3 of the M.S.R.?

(No answer.)

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM. I will elicit more information under Rule 39.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Provided it is allowed.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Everything is subject to the discretion of the Speaker.

Policy adopted in auctioning excise shops.

Q.—73. Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA (Mulbagal-Srinivasapur.)—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the policy they have adopted in auctioning toddy, arrack and ganja shops in the State ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

The Rules to be followed in the disposal of the Excise Shops are to be found in the excise Manual, Volume I, pp. 164-170. A copy of extract is placed on the Table of the House.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಎಕ್ಸೈಜ್ ಮ್ಯಾನ್ಯುಯಲ್ ರೂಲ್ಸನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಈ ಸಾರ್ತಿ ಅಂಗಡಿವಾರ್ ಹರಾಜು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ತಾವು ಹೇಳಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಹೌದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಗೆ ಈ ಸಾರ್ತಿ ಅಂಗಡಿವಾರ್ ಹರಾಜ್ ಮಾಡಿದಿರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಕೆಲವುಕಡೆ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಅದರಿಂದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಆದಾಯ ಬಂದಿದೆ ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—I want notice.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ನಾರಾಯಣಗೌಡ.—ಹಿಂದಿನಿಂದ ನಡೆದು ಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿರುವ ಪ್ರಕಾರವೇ ಈಗಲೂ ತಾವು ಹೈಯೆಸ್ಟ್ ಬಿಡ್ಡರಿಗೇ ಅಂಗಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರೋ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—This question does not arise.

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—It arises.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What I mean is, it has been almost exhaustively discussed on the floor of this House.

Sri G. NARAYANA GOWDA.—I want to ask for separate information. ಈಗ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಪೈಕಿ ಯಾರು highest bidder ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—There was a similar question and there was the printed answer.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—What is the policy of Government in auctioning toddy shops ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಟಿ. ಚನ್ನಯ್ಯ.—ಅದನ್ನು ಉತ್ತರದಲ್ಲೇ ಕೊಡಲಾಗಿದೆ.

Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Is it not the policy of the Government to engage large number of Excise Contractors in general ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

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Sri R. ANANTARAMAN.—Have you been following the policy last year ?

Sri T. CHANNIAH.—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question No. 87 by Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA. He is not present.

Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY.—He has permitted me to put the question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Not for the whole session. Difficulty would arise if such a general permission is granted. As a special case, for this occasion I will allow you to put the question.

Drinking Water Wells in Rural Areas.

Q.—87. Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug) [on behalf of Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA (Turuvekere)].—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount spent during the last three years for providing drinking water wells in rural areas in each district ;

(*b*) how many wells were completed during the above period in each district ;

(*c*) the amount provided in the budget of the current year for the said purpose ;

(*d*) the number of wells urgently required to be provided for villages where there are no proper sources for drinking water ;

(*e*) whether they contemplate to provide wells for all such villages within the next three years.

(*f*) if so, the amount required for each year during the next three years ?